



## *City of Kingsburg*

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# Kingsburg Public Safety Committee Tuesday – June 14, 2016 4:00 P.M. City Council Chambers

- I. Call to order by Chair: (Council Member Ben Creighton)
- II. Public Comments
- III. Approve minutes from the April 12, 2016 Public Safety Committee meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard
- IV. Discussion of items listed below:
  - a. Every 15 Minutes
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjourn to next meeting, July 12, 2016 at 4pm.

**Kingsburg Public Safety Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2016**

**Call to order by Chair:** Council Member Ben Creighton called the Kingsburg Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 4:06p.m.

**Member present:** Ben Creighton, Mark Bray, Conni Delinger, Adam Castaneda, Lennis Scheline, Fred Cogan and Wayne Osborne.

**Members absent:** Judy Pagel.

**Staff Present:** Police Chief Dadian, Fire Chief Tim Ray and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

**Public Comments:** None.

A motion was made by Lennis Scheline, seconded by Conni Delinger, to approve minutes from the April 12, 2016 Public Safety Committee meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of members present.

**Discussion of items listed below:**

Klaas Kids Foundation Print-a-thon Wrap Up

The members discussed vendor payments and if there were any outstanding issues. None were noted. A total of 186 kids were fingerprinted this year.

Mental Health Community Partners Presentation

Chief Dadian introduced Judge Hillary Chittick from the Fresno County Superior Court mental health and drug addiction division, Gilberto Rivas from the Rural Crisis Team and Brian Conway from the Kingsburg Healing Center.

Judge Chittick presented about addiction and the ongoing problem in Fresno County. She said it is a major concern and challenge. With the passing of Prop 47 there is no longer an active drug court because charges are no longer felonies. They found that 80% of people charged did not go to Court. By mid-2015 she said they came together with all partners to find a new solution. In September 2015 it was decided to treat addiction more as a mental health issues and less a criminal problem. The results have been terrific. Judge Chittick said when they started 67% agreed to have treatment, now 95% seek treatment. Only two days after their court day, the addict is able to seek substance abuse treatment. She said they still have a significant number of people not coming to court, 40% at first arrangement. She said the recidivism rate is 15%. Judge Chittick said the Affordable Care Act allows for drug treatment, but there is still a lack of treatment in small communities.

Gilberto Rivas from the Rural Crisis Team spoke about being staffed in 3 local communities from 6am-12am and that they respond to calls with the police after the scene has been cleared. He said their goal is to reduce the number of repeat 5150 calls and other mental health issues. The team does a 30 day post crisis follow up to assist those in need. They help by setting up appointments, driving them to get medication and overall helping them get help. He said they help law enforcement with different types of issues, dementia, developmentally delayed individuals and other issues that might not warrant a 5150 hold but the individuals and families need resources. Chief Dadian spoke about how they are a great resource.

Brian Conway from the Kingsburg Healing Center spoke about all 44 beds being filled and clients are referred from Fresno County Behavior Health. Before this hospital there wasn't a place in Fresno County and the patients were sent elsewhere. Average length for stay is 6-12 months. They employ psychiatrist, doctor, nurses, and they have programs seven days a week. They work to balance the treatment side and recreation side. They provide work training so when they are released they can work & earning a living in the community. Family involvement is important and there has been a great response. He said they have worked with Chief Dadian and Chief Ray to try to not be a big impact. Chief Dadian said his officers have only spent an hour and a half there since it opened.

#### Every 15 Minutes

The Committee discussed the time period, the grant reimbursement, possibility of committee turn around and budgeted funds for 2016/2017. They also discussed the potential location and the process. The Committee decided to furlough the decision until 6/14 when they will have more info.

**Other Business:** None.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm. to next meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.